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INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR

BLUED & STAINLESS STEEL

CALIBERS .357 Magnum & .45 Colt

RUGER® NEW VAQUERO®

SINGLE ACTION REVOLVERS

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State-By-State Warnings

Certain states require by law that their own specified warning notices in larger-than-normal type be conspicuously included by the manufacturer, distributor, or retail dealer with firearms sold in that state. Sturm, Ruger sells its products in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Because our products may be sold in these states, we include the following:

California:

⚠ WARNING	⚠ ADVERTENCIA
"Children are attracted to and can operate firearms that can cause severe injuries or death. Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison."	"A los niños los atraen las armas de fuego y las pueden hacer funcionar. Ellos pueden causarses lesions graves y la muerte. Evite que los niños tengan accesso a las armas de fuego guardándolas siempre con llave y descargadas cuando no las esté utilizando. Si usted tiene un arma de fuego cargada en un lugar en que un niño tiene acceso a ella y la usa indebidamente, le pueden dar una multa o enviarlo a la carcel."

Connecticut:

"UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A LOADED FIREARM MAY RESULT IN IMPRISONMENT OR FINE."

Florida:

"IT IS UNLAWFUL, AND PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT AND FINE, FOR ANY ADULT TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN ANY PLACE WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OR TO KNOWINGLY SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM TO A MINOR OR A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND."

Maine:

"ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IS A CRIME. IF YOU LEAVE A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINE, IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH. KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SEPARATE. KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION LOCKED UP. USE TRIGGER LOCKS."

Maryland:

"WARNING: Children can operate firearms which may cause death or serious injury. It is a crime to store or leave a loaded firearm in any location where an individual knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would gain access to the firearm. Store your firearm responsibly!"

Massachusetts:

"WARNING FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL: This handgun is not equipped with a device that fully blocks use by unauthorized users. More than 200,000 firearms like this one are stolen from their owners every year in the United States. In addition, there are more than a thousand suicides each year by younger children and teenagers who get access to firearms. Hundreds more die from accidental discharge. It is likely that many more children sustain serious wounds, or inflict such wounds accidentally on others. In order to limit the chance of such misuse, it is imperative that you keep this weapon locked in a secure place and take other steps necessary to limit the possibility of theft or accident. Failure to take reasonable preventive steps may result in innocent lives being lost, and in some circumstances may result in your liability for these deaths."

"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR KEEP A FIREARM, RIFLE, SHOTGUN OR MACHINE GUN IN ANY PLACE UNLESS THAT WEAPON IS EQUIPPED WITH A TAMPER-RESISTANT SAFETY DEVICE OR IS STORED OR KEPT IN A SECURELY LOCKED CONTAINER."

New Jersey:

"IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR."

New York City:

"THE USE OF A LOCKING DEVICE OR SAFETY LOCK IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF RESPONSIBLE FIREARMS STORAGE. FIREARMS SHOULD BE STORED UNLOADED AND LOCKED IN A LOCATION THAT IS BOTH SEPARATE FROM THEIR AMMUNITION AND INACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS."

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"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM THAT CAN BE DISCHARGED IN A MANNER THAT A REASONABLE PERSON SHOULD KNOW IS ACCESSIBLE TO A MINOR."

Texas:

"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE, TRANSPORT, OR ABANDON AN UNSECURED FIREARM IN A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN ARE LIKELY TO BE AND CAN OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM."

Wisconsin:

"IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF THE CHILD IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES, OR EXHIBITS THE FIREARM."

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Please check with your licensed retailer or state police for additional warnings which may be required by local law or regulation. Such regulations change constantly, and local authorities are in the best position to advise you on such legal matters.

WHY ARE WE INCLUDING A FIRED CARTRIDGE CASE WITH EVERY RUGER PISTOL AND REVOLVER?

Certain states and jurisdictions now require that all newly manufactured pistols and revolvers must be accompanied by a cartridge case, which has been test fired from that gun at the factory. The case must be placed in a sealed container bearing certain information concerning this test cartridge.

At the time of retail sale in those jurisdictions, firearms dealers must forward such test cartridge to a designated destination such as their State Police Laboratory. As independent Ruger Distributors have nationwide markets without territorial restrictions, we have decided to include a fired cartridge case with all new Ruger pistols and revolvers, to minimize the possibility of inadvertent non-compliance with these laws.

Retail customers located in other states, where laws or regulations do not require the dealer to so act, may be assured that the fired cartridge case they receive with the firearm at the time of retail purchase is proof that your new Ruger firearm has undergone our normal test firing procedures during manufacture.

EXTERNAL LOCKING DEVICE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

⚠ WARNING – USE OF LOCKING DEVICES

- Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction, including when you are installing or removing your locking device.
- Always verify that your firearm is completely **unloaded** before installing your locking device.
- Do not install locking devices in the trigger guard; always keep your fingers and locking device outside the trigger guard during device installation and removal.
- Store firearms, ammunition and keys separately and securely, away from children and careless adults; do not store your firearm with the keys in the locking device.
- Do not attempt to work the action of your firearm with the locking device in place; this may damage your firearm.
- While locking devices are an important aid to security measures, they are not a substitute for safe firearm handling and proper storage. Remember that any mechanical device can be bypassed with enough time, knowledge, determination and equipment.

LOCKING DEVICES MUST BE USED SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

Use the Correct Lock: While the basic locking device is substantially similar for all Ruger® firearms, due to the different shapes of the many Ruger® firearms, some firearms utilize different locking devices. **NEW VAQUERO®** revolvers utilize a 2 1/2" lock. It is very important to use the correct locking device!

To Install the Factory-Supplied External Locking Device:

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and your fingers outside the trigger guard at all times!
2. Be sure the firearm and its cylinder are completely unloaded and contain no cartridges or cartridge casings!
3. Completely remove the cylinder by opening the loading gate, pressing the basepin latch, pulling the basepin fully forward, and rotating the cylinder out of the frame.
4. Loop the shackle through the cylinder window in the frame. Next slip the cylinder onto the shackle of the lock as shown in Figure 1.
5. Close the lock by pressing the shackle into the body of the lock (the part that receives the key) as tightly together as possible. The lock has bumpers and the shackle is coated with a non-marring material that will not harm the metal finish of your firearm; be careful not to dent the frame or grip panels of the revolver.
6. Once the lock is securely closed, remove the key and pull firmly on the lock to test the connection and be sure it is locked. Do not leave or store your firearm with the key in the lock! Store your locked, unloaded firearm and the key in secure, separate locations, away from ammunition, children, or unauthorized adults.

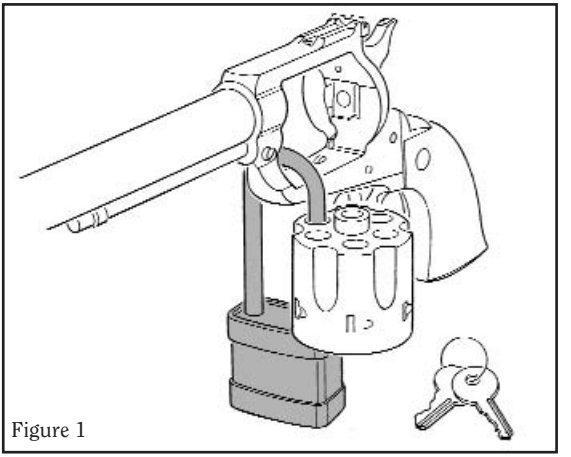

Figure 1

Correct Installation of Lock For Ruger® New Vaquero Revolvers (New Model Blackhawk Shown)

OPERATION OF INTERNAL LOCK

Never rely upon any safety mechanism or mechanical device to justify unsafe or careless handling of a firearm. When securing your revolver or to prevent unauthorized access, you should rely first and foremost on the key-operated locking device supplied with your pistol. (See Page 6.) However, for added security, and to comply with certain state and local laws, your ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO®*** revolver also is equipped with a manually operated internal lock. When actuated, this internal lock will secure the hammer in the uncocked or "full down" position.

Before activating the internal lock on your revolver, first visually inspect the chambers to verify that they are empty and do not contain any cartridges.

To activate the internal lock, make sure that the revolver is pointed in a safe direction and that the hammer is in the full down position. Using a small scewdriver, remove the screw securing the grip panels and remove the right grip panel to expose the internal lock. (See "Internal Lock," p. 11.) Insert the key into the keyway and rotate the key fully clockwise (about 180º from the fully unlocked position) until it stops. (See Figure 2.) After you have fully rotated the key 180º clockwise until it stops, remove the key and verify that the internal lock is engaged by attempting to cock the hammer. If the internal lock is engaged, you will not be able to cock the hammer.

To deactivate the internal lock, place the internal lock key into the internal lock keyway (see "Internal Lock," p. 11) and rotate the key counter-clockwise (about 180º from the fully locked position) until it stops. (See Figure 2.)

Be sure to store the internal lock key in a secure location, away from children and careless adults. Do not store your firearm with the key in the internal lock keyway. Never lock a loaded gun – always unload the gun before locking.

OPERATION OF INTERNAL LOCK

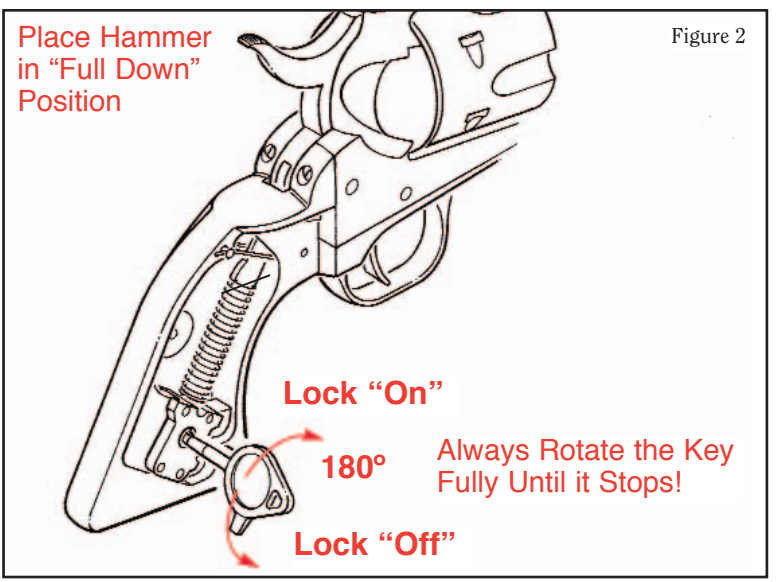

Figure 2

REMOVE KEY AFTER LOCKING OR UNLOCKING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING INTERNAL LOCK THROUGH RIGHT GRIP PANEL

If you would like to access the internal lock on your ***NEW VAQUERO®*** without removing the grips, you can drill a small hole through the right grip panel as follows:

1. Remove the right grip panel by unscrewing the grip panel screw.
2. On the inside of the right grip panel is a drill point (see Figure 3, below). On the inside of the grip panel, drill a 1/8" hole starting at the drill point.
3. Turn the grip panel over and, using the 1/8" hole you just drilled as a guide hole, enlarge the hole using a 3/16" bit, this time drilling from the outside of the panel inward.
4. Reattach the right grip panel and tighten the grip panel screw. The 3/16" hole will allow key access to the internal lock without removing the grip panel.

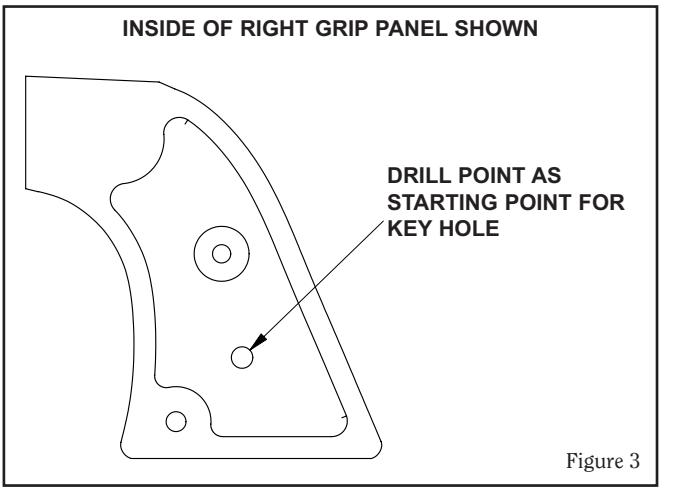

Figure 3

FIREARMS SAFETY-YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

SAFETY MUST BE THE FIRST AND CONSTANT CONSIDERATION OF EVERY PERSON WHO HANDLES FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.

This Instruction Manual is designed to assist you in learning how to use and care for your ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO®*** revolver properly. Please contact us if you have any questions about it.

Only when you are certain you fully understand the Manual and can properly carry out its instructions should you practice loading, unloading, etc. with live ammunition. If you have any doubts about your ability to handle or use a particular type of gun safely, then you should seek supervised instruction.

Such personalized instruction is often available from gun dealers, gun clubs or police departments. If none of these sources can help you, write to the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-7400. They will assist you.

The person with a gun in their possession has a full-time job. You cannot guess; you cannot forget. You must know how to use your firearm safely. Do not use any firearm without having a complete understanding of its particular characteristics and safe use.

Remember: There is no such thing as a foolproof gun.

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FIREARMS ARE DANGEROUS WEAPONS–
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY BEFORE USING.

WARNING–ALTERATIONS

This product was designed to function properly in its original condition. Alterations can make it unsafe. Do not alter any part or add or substitute parts or accessories not made by Sturm, Ruger & Co. Inc.

DO NOT ALTER ANY GUN

GENERAL INFORMATION AND MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The mechanism of the ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO®***, like the other Ruger New Model single action revolvers, differs significantly from that of any other single action revolver. The information and instructions which follow apply only to the ***NEW VAQUERO®*** revolver.

The ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO®*** has fixed sights and either a "color case hardened" or polished stainless steel finish which evokes the classic single actions of yesteryear. Its frame is slightly smaller than the original Ruger Vaqueros.

The ***NEW VAQUERO®*** is a New Model single action revolver, which means it utilizes the same mechanism as the Ruger New Model Blackhawk® revolver. It incorporates an additional new "reverse indexing cylinder mechanism" for ease of loading and reloading.

The patented Ruger New Model single action revolver mechanism incorporates a transfer bar. The transfer bar – which is raised into firing position as the trigger is pulled to the rear – transmits the energy of the hammer blow to the firing pin. This transfer bar mechanism makes a "safety" notch unnecessary.

The gate (loading gate) can be opened only when the hammer and trigger are fully forward. Opening the gate immobilizes the trigger, hammer, and transfer bar. When the gate is opened the cylinder is unlatched and can be turned for loading or ejection. When the gate is closed, the cylinder latch functions in the normal manner. The loading notch is therefore unnecessary in the New Model design.

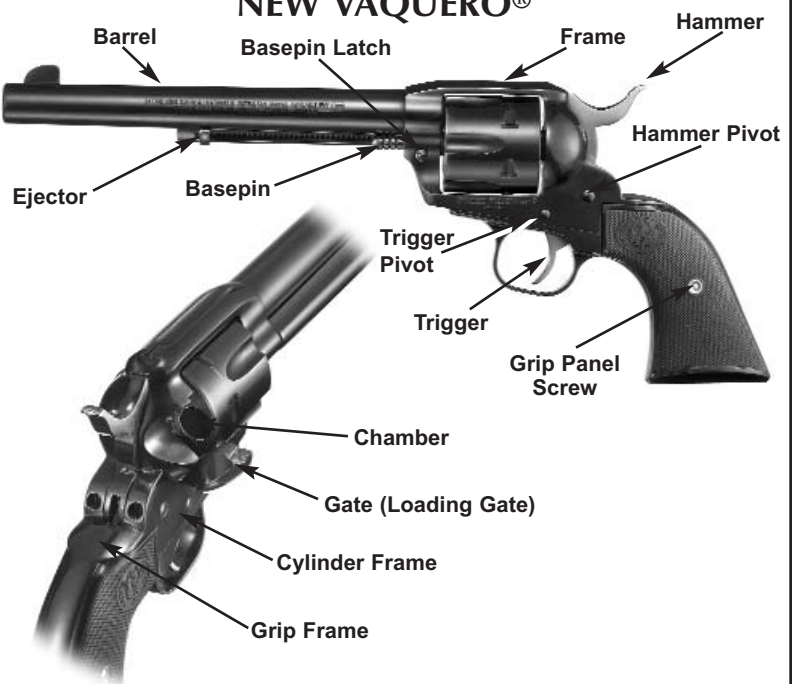
Unlike the earlier single action revolvers which have four hammer positions – "cocked," "loading," "safety" and "all the way forward" – the New Model has only two hammer positions – "cocked" and "all the way forward."

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE

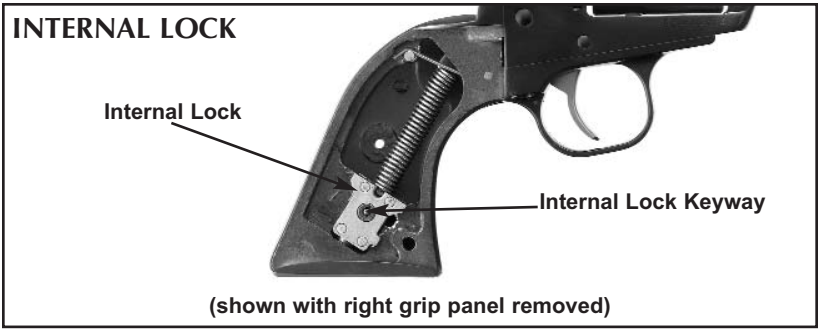
OWNERS OF ALL "OLD MODEL" (PRE-1973) RUGER SINGLE ACTION REVOLVERS, INCLUDING BEARCATS WITH SERIAL NUMBERS BELOW 93-00000, SHOULD WRITE FOR DETAILS CONCERNING OUR FREE SAFETY CONVERSION, WHICH CAN HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY A BLOW TO THE HAMMER IF THE USER HAS FAILED TO TAKE THE BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTION OF KEEPING AN EMPTY CHAMBER UNDER THE HAMMER. See Page 29.

NOMENCLATURE

NEW VAQUERO®

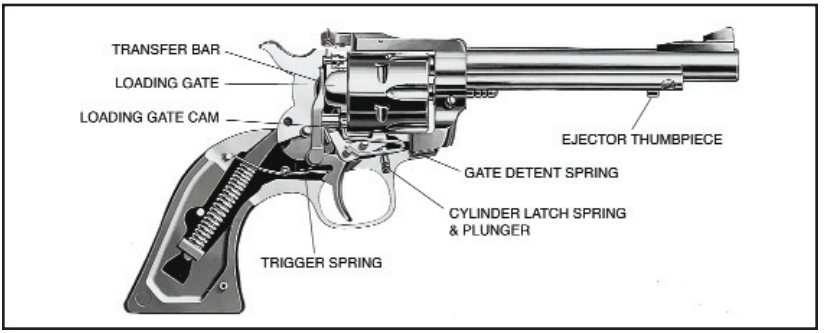


Parts referred to frequently are indicated by arrows.

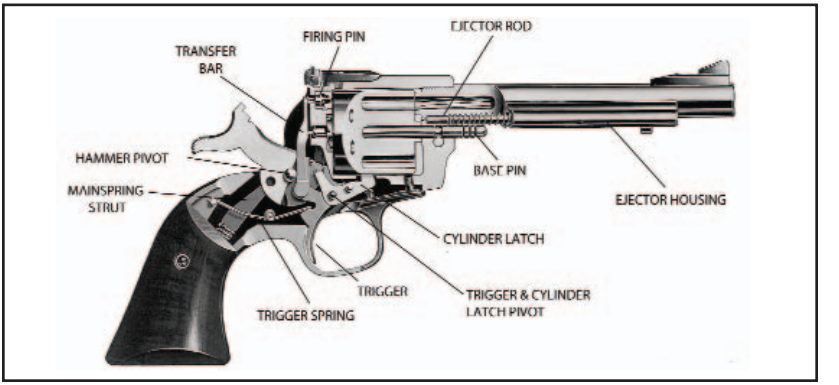


The mechanism of the ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO*** provides maximum security against accidental discharge. As with any other firearm, however, the New Model must be used with strict attention to correct safety practices. In addition, the revolver should be inspected frequently to assure that it is working properly.

The Ruger New Model revolver mechanism is illustrated below. The same basic mechanism is found in the entire line of Ruger New Model single action revolvers – Single-Six, Blackhawk, Super Blackhawk, Bisley, Vaquero, Bisley Vaquero, and New Vaquero Models.



Mechanism shown at rest. Transfer bar is not in line between hammer and firing pin. This is the carrying position.



Mechanism shown with trigger pulled and hammer beginning to fall. Transfer bar is in firing position, between hammer and firing pin.

WARNING - LEAD EXPOSURE

Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to the state of California to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

SHOOTING OR CLEANING GUNS MAY EXPOSE YOU TO LEAD

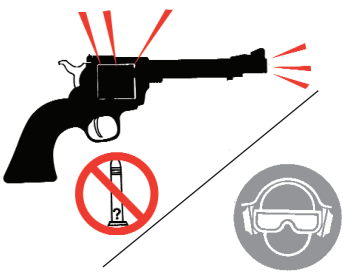
AMMUNITION

The table below shows the correct type of ammunition for use in each of the revolvers listed.

Model	Caliber	Ammunition
New Vaquero	.357 Magnum	.357 Mag and .38 SPL
New Vaquero	.45 Colt	.45 Colt

Notes on Cartridges listed in the table above: .357 Mag is 357 Magnum. .45 Colt is also called .45 Long Colt. .38 SPL is .38 Special.

WARNING – AMMUNITION



Death, serious injury, and damage can result from the use of wrong ammunition, bore obstructions, powder overloads, or incorrect cartridge components. Always wear shooting glasses and hearing protectors.

IMPROPER AMMUNITION DESTROYS GUNS

AMMUNITION (CARTRIDGES) NOTICE

WE SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY WHATSOEVER OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, OR AS THE RESULT OF, THE USE IN RUGER REVOLVERS OF FAULTY, OR NONSTANDARD, OR "REMANUFACTURED" OR HANDLOADED (RELOADED) AMMUNITION, OR OF CARTRIDGES OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH THE FIREARM WAS ORIGINALLY CHAMBERED.

HANDLING

CARRYING: Unlike "old model" single action revolvers, which should always be carried with the hammer down on an empty chamber to prevent accidental discharges caused by a blow to the hammer, the Ruger New Vaquero may be carried with all chambers loaded. When the hammer and trigger are fully forward at the same time, the transfer bar is lowered out of firing position and the hammer rests directly on the frame, not on the firing pin.

⚠ WARNING – HANDLING

Any time the revolver is loaded, the hammer is cocked and the trigger is pulled and held to the rear, it will fire. Cocking the gun or pulling the trigger should only be done when you are ready to fire immediately.

NEVER DROP OR STRIKE ANY REVOLVER – COCKED OR UNCOCKED. CARRY AND HANDLE THE REVOLVER IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE HAMMER WILL NOT BE STRUCK.

NEVER CARRY ANY REVOLVER WITH THE HAMMER COCKED.

TO LOAD AND FIRE

1. Do not load the revolver until you are ready to use it.
2. Note – The loading gate cannot be opened unless the hammer and trigger are fully forward, and the hammer cannot be cocked once the gate is opened.
3. Open the gate. This permits the cylinder to rotate.
4. Turn cylinder clockwise, by hand, and insert cartridges in chambers.
5. Align a chamber with the barrel and close the gate. The revolver is now in its normal carrying condition – hammer and trigger fully forward and transfer bar lowered out of firing position.

6. **NOTE** – To help prevent scoring of the cylinder, when closing the loading gate be sure that a chamber is directly aligned with the barrel. This can be achieved by rotating the cylinder so that a cylinder flute is equally spaced on either side of the topstrap, closing the loading gate, and then verifying that the cylinder is locked in place.
7. Cocking – To fire the revolver, the hammer must first be manually cocked. When cocking the hammer, have a firm hold on the grip with the shooting hand, and DO NOT TOUCH THE TRIGGER WHILE COCKING THE HAMMER. TOUCH THE TRIGGER ONLY WHEN YOU ARE READY TO FIRE. With the fore portion of your thumb firmly on the hammer spur, draw the hammer fully to the rear until it stops. Then permit the hammer to move forward (it will only move slightly) until the trigger engages in the hammer at full cock.
8. Firing – Once the hammer has been cocked, a light pressure on the trigger will disengage the trigger from the hammer. The hammer will fall forward striking the transfer bar and the revolver will fire.

CAUTION: The recoil of any centerfire caliber causes the muzzle of the gun to flip upward with substantial force. The shooter need not be apprehensive, but be prepared. Keep a firm grip on the revolver and hold it away from your face when firing.

9. After firing, the hammer will remain down. To fire subsequent shots, fully release the trigger and repeat steps 7 & 8 above for each shot.

WARNING – FIRING

When firing any revolver, be sure all persons are a safe distance to the rear of the shooter. When fired, all revolvers discharge gas and particles through the clearance gap between the cylinder and the rear of the barrel. These particles of lead, powder grains or lubricant are projected broadly sideways at high speed and thus can injure a person who is standing too close to the revolver. When firing any revolver, always be certain that nothing – including either of your hands – is in the path of the hot gas and particles which are discharged from the front and sides of the cylinder. When shooting, adequate eye protection is essential. Shooters and bystanders must wear shooting glasses. Hearing protection must also be worn. Exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing.

HOT GASES EXIT BARREL/CYLINDER GAP

DRY-FIRING: Going through the actions of cocking, aiming, and pulling the trigger of an unloaded gun is known as "Dry Firing." It can be useful to learn the "feel" of your revolver. Be certain the revolver is unloaded and that the gun is pointing in a safe direction even when practicing by dry-firing. The Ruger New Model revolvers can be dry-fired without damage to the firing pin or other components.

"FANNING": NEVER fan any revolver. Fanning is an unsafe way to fire a gun and it is abusive to the revolver mechanism.

⚠ WARNING – SAFE CARRYING POSITION

Never carry revolvers cocked!

The safe carrying position for the New Vaquero Revolver is with the hammer fully down and the trigger forward. In this position the hammer does not contact the firing pin. See page 10. In older (1953-1972) single action revolvers, the hammer, when in the full forward position, does rest against the firing pin.

Accordingly, never carry an "old model" revolver with the hammer fully forward and the cartridge in line with the firing pin because a light blow to the hammer can readily cause discharge. It is always safest to carry the hammer down over an empty chamber regardless of the revolver type. See page 29 for details about our free safety conversion offer for "old model" Ruger Single Action Revolvers.

ALWAYS CARRY NEW MODEL SINGLE ACTIONS WITH HAMMER DOWN.

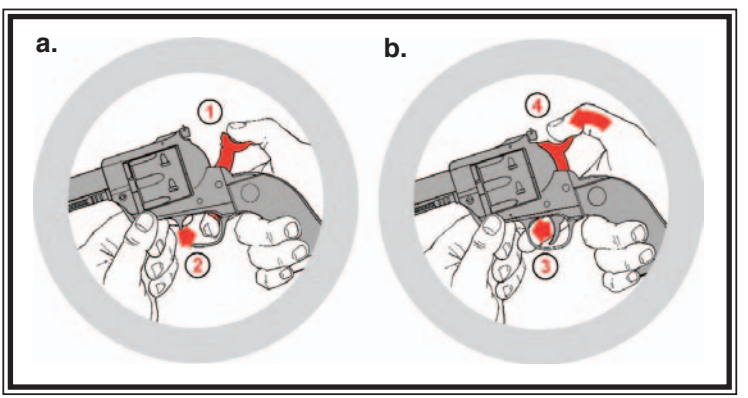
TO 'UNCOCK' (DECOCK) THE REVOLVER

If your revolver is cocked, and you wish to let the hammer down to its forward position (against the frame), proceed as follows: USE EXTREME CARE WHEN ATTEMPTING TO DECOCK THE REVOLVER, AS THE THUMB SLIPPING DURING THIS PROCESS CAN RESULT IN AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE IF THE TRIGGER IS HELD TO THE REAR.

1. Make certain that the revolver is pointing in a safe direction (see Rule 2, Page 35).
2. Make certain both hands are dry and not impeded in any way – gloves, bandages, cold, etc.
3. Grasp the revolver (if right-handed) so that the thumb and forefinger of your left hand are firmly holding the frame, forward of the trigger guard. Thus, your left hand is in full control of the revolver (See Figure a, below).
4. Place your right thumb firmly on the hammer spur and, with your thumb securely in control of the hammer, squeeze the trigger only enough to permit the hammer to 'break free' of the trigger. At that instant, IMMEDIATELY RELEASE THE TRIGGER and then slowly permit the hammer, STILL SECURE UNDER YOUR THUMB, to move fully forward to its resting position against the frame. NOTE: It is imperative that finger pressure be removed from the trigger just as soon as it is free of the hammer. Then, properly, the trigger and hammer will move towards their fully forward rest positions together (See Figure b, below).

Practice this important gun handling skill with an unloaded revolver until you have developed the proper control and 'touch' to decock your revolver safely. The key to safe decocking is having the weight of the revolver controlled with one hand, while the thumb and forefinger of the 'shooting hand' control the hammer and trigger.

DECOCKING (UNCOCKING) THE REVOLVER



a. With the thumb controlling the hammer as shown above (1), squeeze trigger to permit hammer to 'break free' (2).

b. When hammer is free, IMMEDIATELY release trigger (3). Then lower hammer slowly to its resting position completely down against frame (4).

The revolver is now in its normal carrying condition -- hammer and trigger fully forward and transfer bar lowered out of firing position.

CAUTION: The hammer must be carefully eased fully forward before the hammer is drawn back to the full-cock position for the first shot. The hammer should be drawn with a firm positive motion to the full-cock position for each shot, thus actuating the working parts for complete indexing. Unless this procedure is followed in any single-action revolver, the cylinder is apt to be out of index when fired.

TO UNLOAD OR EJECT CARTRIDGE CASES

Keep revolver pointed in a safe direction!
Do not attempt to unload when the hammer is cocked.

If the hammer is cocked, it must first be decocked. (See "To Uncock The Revolver", p. 17.)

Then:

1. Open the gate. This permits the cylinder to rotate.
2. Turn cylinder clockwise, by hand, to align a chamber with the ejector rod. Your ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO*** is equipped with a specially designed reverse indexing cylinder mechanism (patent pending). This unique device will ease and hasten unloading by allowing you to reverse rotation of the cylinder (counter-clockwise until it stops) and automatically align a chamber with the ejector rod and loading gate cutout in the frame. See "Correct Unloading Sequence," below.
3. Push the ejector rod rearward, by means of the thumb-piece on its forward end, so that it slides through the chamber to push out the cartridge or fired case. Release the spring-loaded ejector rod. Repeat until all chambers are empty.
4. Check to be certain that all cartridges have been removed, then close the gate.

CORRECT UNLOADING SEQUENCE

Do not eject unfired cartridges onto any surface where the cartridge primer might strike a solid object and discharge the cartridge.

WARNING: Never remove, replace or carry a loaded cylinder. The cartridges can fire if their primers are struck.

TO REMOVE OR REPLACE CYLINDER

1. Open the gate. This lowers the cylinder latch into the frame.

2. Press base pin latch (on left side) and withdraw base pin fully forward.

3. Remove cylinder from loading gate side of frame.

To replace cylinder, simply reverse the above procedure. Before replacing base pin, holding the gun with the barrel pointed away from you and in a safe direction, rotate the cylinder 1/4 turns in a clockwise direction to ensure that pawl is correctly positioned on cylinder ratchet. Finally, close the gate.

DISASSEMBLY

(Make Sure Revolver is Unloaded!)

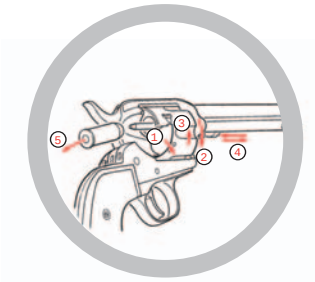
The user of a ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO*** revolver should carefully read all disassembly directions and study all the illustrations and the Parts List in this manual before attempting to take the gun apart. Know the names and location of the parts before removing any of them. Although the Ruger New Model single action revolver mechanism is composed of only a few parts, it is essential that the disassembly and reassembly operations be carried out with knowledge and care.

Only a few tools are required: A screwdriver or two to remove the grip panel and grip frame screws, and a drift punch to remove the hammer and trigger pivots (pins). A small plastic-faced hammer can be useful in drifting the trigger pivot out and in.

The tip of the screwdriver blade should perfectly fit the grip frame screw slots. A tip too large will scrape away metal, while too small a tip will damage the screw slots.

Before taking the gun apart, set up to do it properly. Cover the work surface with a soft cloth so that the gun finish (and sights) will not be damaged, and provide a tray into which the parts can be put as they are removed from the gun.

WARNING – DISASSEMBLY



Never clean, lubricate, disassemble or work on a revolver while it is loaded. Never install or remove a loaded cylinder. A loaded cylinder can discharge if dropped or struck. Read instructions before disassembling gun.

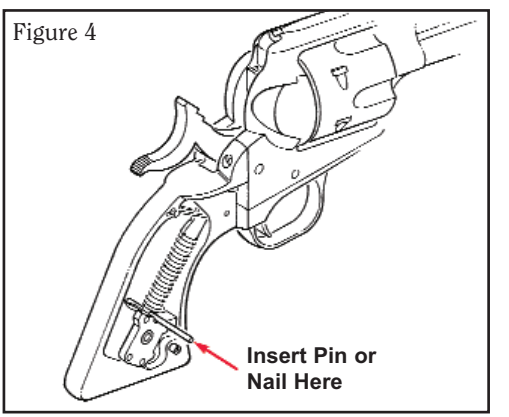
UNLOAD BEFORE CLEANING

1. With the revolver pointed in a safe direction, open the gate and rotate the cylinder. Examine every chamber in the cylinder to be certain the revolver is unloaded. Leave the gate open.
2. Press in fully on the left side of the base pin latch, and while holding it in that position, withdraw the base pin. Remove the cylinder and close the gate. This is as far as you need to go for routine cleaning.

DETAILED DISASSEMBLY:

1. Remove grip panel screw and remove grip panels. Unlock the internal lock. (See page 7 & 8 for instructions regarding internal lock usage.)
2. Draw the hammer rearward to full cock position. Insert a short length (about 1") of nail or pin into the small hole at the lower end of the hammer strut. the hole is visible between the mainspring and the top of the internal lock assembly. (See Figure 4, below.) The purpose of inserting the pin or nail is to confine the mainspring when the hammer is released.
3. While maintaining thumb pressure on the hammer spur, squeeze the trigger and ease hammer down to full forward position.
4. Remove the five (5) screws that fasten the grip frame to the cylinder frame.

Figure 4



5. Pull the grip frame rearward and downward to separate it from the cylinder frame. (If the grip frame does not readily separate from the cylinder frame, draw the hammer rearward a short distance.) Remove the mainspring assembly and internal lock assembly from the grip frame, but do not remove the small pin that is confining the mainspring. (The mainspring assembly will later be reassembled into the frame as it is.) The internal lock assembly is removed from the grip frame by lifting it up and then out.

   Do not 'lose' the pawl spring and plunger (located in a hole in the rear of the left side of the cylinder frame, just above the grip frame screw hole) or the cylinder latch spring and plunger (located in the hole above front of the trigger guard bow in the grip frame).

6. Remove the trigger pivot (pin) as follows: using a screwdriver as shown in Figure 5, below, depress the gate detent spring so that the end of the spring which rests in one groove of the trigger pivot is free of the groove. Then, use a drift and hammer to push the pivot completely out of the frame.

CAUTION: Press the screwdriver blade tip against the spring carefully and be certain the blade does not slip off the spring and damage the frame or injure the person holding the gun.

7. Remove cylinder latch, gate detent spring, and gate.

8. Remove hammer pivot. Then remove the hammer/pawl assembly and the trigger/transfer bar assembly. (Note that the hammer is attached to the pawl and the transfer bar is attached to the trigger. See Figure 6).

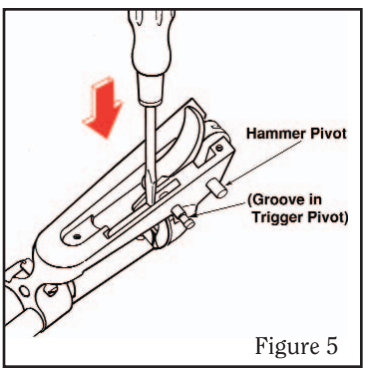


Figure 5

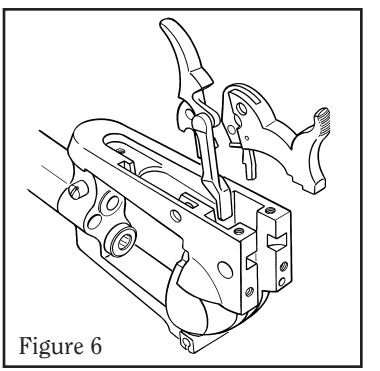


Figure 6

ALTHOUGH THE FOREGOING OUTLINES THE CORRECT PROCEDURE, WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT SUCH DETAILED DISMANTLING IS SELDOM IF EVER NECESSARY.

The revolver is, at this stage, disassembled as far as it needs to be for major cleaning and maintenance. However, if it is necessary to go beyond the above steps, the following cautions and suggestions should be useful:

CAUTION: The preload on the cylinder rotation stop is factory set. do not alter the position of the cylinder rotation stop screw (part no. KMVQ04501).

Ejector/Ejector Housing: Wrap one hand firmly around barrel and housing when loosening the screw. Remove screw, then carefully lift housing (which contains compressed spring and ejector rod) away from the barrel.

Base Pin Latch/Nut and Spring: The nut must be held firmly (with jaw-protected pliers) while the latch is being unscrewed. Don't lose the spring. When reassembling, be certain the nut and spring are on the left side of the frame. (See Parts Drawing, p. 34).

REASSEMBLY

(Make Sure Revolver is Unloaded!)

1. Assemble pawl to hammer and transfer bar to trigger as shown in Figure 5, p. 21. Partially insert hammer/pawl assembly in its recess in the frame. Insert trigger/transfer bar assembly in its slot in the frame. Then simultaneously complete insertion of the two assemblies into the frame.
2. (Refer to Figure 5, p. 21.) Align hammer in frame and insert hammer pivot with the grooved end of the pivot opposite the gate side of the frame. The long screw, XR01901, when also inserted opposite the gate side, will intersect the groove and lock the pivot in place. (See step number 11, p. 23.)
3. Replace cylinder latch and gate detent spring as shown in Figure 7. Note that the lug on the cylinder latch fits between the arms of the gate detent spring and that the end of one of the arms of the spring is formed at a 90 degree angle. The projection thus formed, is designed to fit through the square hole in the bottom of the frame and to ride on the cam surface of the gate pivot. Note also that this projection holds the loading gate back and in place.
4. (Refer to Figure 5, p. 21.) Depress the upper arm of the gate detent spring with tip of screwdriver blade and install trigger pivot. Pivot should be inserted from the gate side of the frame. The non-grooved end of the pivot should be inserted first. (It may be necessary to manipulate the trigger, the gate detent spring, and the cylinder latch to align them to receive the trigger pivot.)

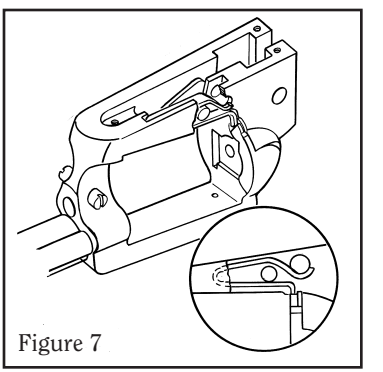
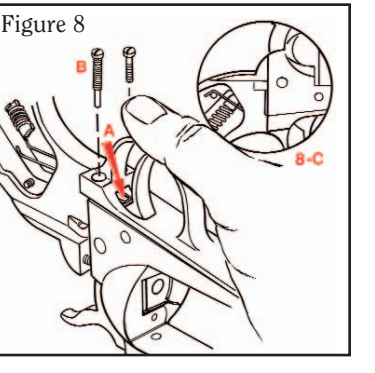


Figure 7

5. Insert the base pin. ***The base pin must be fully inserted and locked in position by the base pin latch. If the base pin is not fully inserted and locked, the transfer bar may catch under the firing pin when the hammer is being cocked.***
6. (Refer to Figure 8, below.) Unhook the ends of the trigger spring (KMVQ03700) from the grooved retaining pin on both sides of the grip frame.
7. Insert cylinder latch spring and plunger in hole in grip frame. (The spring goes in first so that the plunger is on top.)
8. Insert pawl spring and plunger (plunger goes in the hole first) in the hole in the left side of the cylinder frame just above the left rear grip screw hole.
9. Install mainspring assembly and internal lock assembly which should be visible when viewing the right side of the grip frame. Be certain the strut is positioned properly. See the Parts Drawing for correct strut positioning.
10. (Refer to Figure 8, below). Draw hammer to the rear slightly and place the grip frame loosely on the cylinder frame. Before pushing the grip frame forward to mate with the cylinder frame, be certain that:
    (a) the cylinder latch spring plunger (XR07700) is positioned so that is will contact the bottom of the cylinder latch (rather than either side of the latch),
    (b) the pawl spring is aligned to contact the left 'ear' of the grip frame (and not be bent as the ear contacts it).
11. See Figure 8, and note the end of the trigger spring (the arrow marked "A"). This end of the spring must be depressed so that it slides under the rear portion of the trigger when the grip frame is forward. With all the above springs and plungers aligned, fully mate the grip frame and cylinder frame and install the five grip frame screws. Note that the long screw (XR01901) should go in the grip frame hole opposite the gate side (Figure 8-B) of the revolver.

Figure 8



12. Hook the two ends of the trigger spring over the trigger spring retaining pin (KMVQ06300) as shown in Figure 8-C.
13. Be certain the internal lock is correctly positioned on its step in the grip frame. Then, draw the hammer back to the full cock position and remove the small pin from the mainspring strut. Pull trigger and allow hammer to fall.
14. Open the gate, withdraw base pin and install the cylinder. Reinsert the base pin and be certain it is fully seated and locked in position.
15. Before loading cartridges into the chamber, cycle the revolver several times. Check to be sure that cylinder rotates and locks correctly, that trigger returns in a positive manner when released, and that loading gate opens and closes normally.

CARE AND CLEANING

MAKE SURE GUN IS UNLOADED!

Always be certain the revolver is completely unloaded before cleaning. At regular intervals or when the revolver has been exposed to sand, water or other adverse conditions, disassemble, clean and oil it.

To clean the revolver after firing:

1. Remove the cylinder as described on p. 19.
2. Clean the barrel from the muzzle by running a cleaning rod with a solvent coated patch through the bore several times. A bronze wire brush, of a size appropriate to the bore size, attached to the cleaning rod should then be pushed the full length of the bore several times.
3. Again swab the bore with a solvent coated patch. Then wipe the rod clean and, using a dry patch, swab the bore until it is clean.
4. Repeat the above procedure for each of the six chambers.
5. Run a lightly oiled patch through the bore and each chamber.

Some cartridges with lead bullets deposit metal fouling in the chamber throats, in the forcing cone of the barrel, and in the bore. If 'leading' is noted in your revolver, clean it out before it builds up and interferes with reliable functioning and accuracy. A special 'lead removing' cleaning tool (for bore and chambers) is available from gun stores.

The revolver's internal mechanism can be lubricated without disassembly. A few drops of light oil recommended as suitable for firearms, applied periodically about the various frame openings, will work its way into the mechanism parts. The exterior of the revolver should be cleaned with a solvent and then wiped with an oily cloth.

⚠ WARNING – LUBRICATION

Firing a revolver with oil, grease, or any other material even partially obstructing the bore may result in damage to the revolver and serious injury to the shooter and those nearby.

Do not spray or apply lubricants directly on ammunition. If the powder charge of a cartridge is affected by the lubricant, it may not be ignited, but the energy from the primer may be sufficient to push the bullet into the bore where it may become lodged. Firing a subsequent bullet onto the obstructed bore may damage the revolver and cause serious injury or death to the shooter and those nearby. Use lubricants properly. You are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of your firearms.

IMPROPER LUBRICATION DESTROYS GUNS

STORAGE

GUNS SHOULD NOT BE STORED LOADED!

USE THE LOCKING DEVICE SUPPLIED WITH THE REVOLVER FOR STORAGE.
(SEE PAGE 5)

Do not keep the revolver in a leather, fabric or canvas holster when it is stored. These materials attract moisture, even though the holster may appear to be perfectly dry.

TO RENDER THE REVOLVER INOPERATIVE FOR SAFE STORAGE

With the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, open the loading gate and check all chambers of the cylinder to be sure the revolver is completely unloaded! Depress the basepin latch on the side of the frame and remove the basepin by pulling it toward the muzzle and out of the frame. Next, remove the cylinder from the frame.

Store the cylinder and frame in different locations. When disassembled in this manner, this revolver is inoperable. It is impossible to fire the revolver until the cylinder and basepin have been correctly replaced.To reassemble the revolver for firing, open the loading gate and reinsert the cylinder. Next, press the basepin latch on the frame and fully reinsert the basepin. Check to be sure the cylinder rotates freely in a clockwise direction. With the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, close the loading gate. The revolver is now reassembled and can be loaded and fired.

While the revolver is less likely to be used by unauthorized persons when disassembled in the above manner, it is always safest to store any firearm with the supplied locking device correctly installed, or to store the firearm in a gun safe or other secure location away from children and unauthorized adults. Guns should always be stored securely, unloaded and separate from their ammunition.

WARNING – STORAGE

Never place or store any firearm in such a manner that it may be dislodged. Firearms should always be stored securely and unloaded, away from children and careless adults. Use the locking device originally supplied with this firearm for storage.

The use of a locking device or safety lock is only one aspect of responsible firearms storage. For increased safety, firearms should be stored unloaded and locked in a location that is both separate from their ammunition and inaccessible to children and any other unauthorized person.

STORE SECURELY & UNLOADED

CARE OF STAINLESS STEEL REVOLVERS

Firearms made of stainless steel are relatively more resistant to corrosion than blued steel firearms. However, you should still inspect it frequently and clean, lubricate and apply an appropriate rust preventative as required.

Sometimes surface discoloration may be noted, particularly in the grip area of stainless steel handguns, resulting from perspiration. Contact with some types of holsters can also cause stains or rusting. Rusting may also occur as a result of the handgun being exposed to moisture, humidity, salt air or chemicals.

Minor discoloration can usually be removed by rubbing the stained area with an abrasive ink eraser, crocus cloth, or a "metal polishing" compound. When using any of these abrasives, proceed with care and use light pressure to achieve a blending of 'color' with those areas that are not discolored.

Exposed surfaces on the firearm should be cleaned and wiped dry after use or after exposure to adverse conditions. If the firearm is to be stored, coat it with a light film of oil or preservative. Where the firearm is in continuing use, and the presence of oil or grease would be objectionable, then the external surfaces can be coated (after cleaning and drying) with a paste wax formulated for use on metals. Apply the wax sparingly, allow time for it to dry hard, then buff lightly with a soft cloth. When applying the wax take care that it does not get into the mechanism or on the functioning parts such as the cylinder latch, trigger or cylinder locking notches. A properly applied hard wax coating will not interfere with comfortable gun handling and it will provide a measure of protection against the formation of rust.

CARE OF "COLOR CASE FINISHED" FRAMES

The special finish process used to simulate the old-time "color case hardened" frames of antique revolvers is quite durable, but not as wear-resistant as a conventional blued steel finish. DO NOT USE ABRASIVE CLEANERS ON ANY "COLOR CASE FINISHED" FRAMES. This finish is provided for those who prefer its mottled "old west" appearance.

FIXED SIGHTS

RUGER® NEW VAQUERO revolvers feature a blade front sight and a fixed rear sight. They are factory set to be on target at 15 yards.

SERVICE AND PARTS POLICY

If you have any questions with regard to the performance of your ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO*** revolver, please write or call (603-865-2442) our Newport, New Hampshire Product Service Department, fully describing all circumstances. If you should return your revolver to the factory for repair, or order parts for it, please comply with the following suggestions for prompt service:

WARNING: BEFORE SHIPPING ANY FIREARM, BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT IT AND ITS CYLINDER OR MAGAZINE ARE UNLOADED. DO NOT SHIP CARTRIDGES WITH A FIREARM.

SHIPPING FIREARMS FOR REPAIR

RUGER® NEW VAQUERO revolvers returned to the factory for repair should be sent to: Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc., Product Service Department, 411 Sunapee Street, Newport, New Hampshire 03773. Telephone (603) 865-2442. The complete revolver should be shipped. Please do not send your holster, custom grip panels or other accessories with any revolver being shipped to us. Guns should be sent prepaid;. We will not accept collect shipments.

The Federal Gun Control Act, as well as the laws of most States and localities, do not prohibit an individual (who is not otherwise barred from purchasing or possessing a firearm) from shipping a firearm directly to the manufacturer for repair. However, before shipping your firearm to us, be certain that your State or locality does not have a law or regulation which will prohibit you from receiving it from us after it has been repaired. If such receiving is prohibited, then please have a Federally Licensed Firearms dealer ship the gun to us. If your gun is sent to us by a dealer, it will be returned to him after being repaired. If a handgun (pistol or revolver) is shipped by an individual who does not hold a Federal Firearms License, it must be shipped for overnight delivery via U.P.S., Federal Express, or other similar private overnight service. NOTE: Firearms may not be shipped via U.S. Mail. Persons who do not hold a Federal Firearms License are prohibited by Federal law from shipping a handgun by mail. Handguns mailed in violation of the law are impounded by the Post Office.

Please do not include revolver case, sling, telescopic sights or custom accessories with a firearm being shipped to the factory for service. **DO NOT SEND GUN BOXES OR LITERATURE THAT YOU CONSIDER TO BE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS – THESE ARE INVARIABLY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN SHIPMENT.** Always insure your shipment.

Enclose a letter which includes your name, address, telephone number, serial number and model of the firearm. Describe in detail the trouble you have experienced with your firearm, or the work you wish to have done. Merely stating that the firearm "needs repair" is inadequate information.

Work performed will bear a net minimum labor charge of $20.00 plus a $20.00 shipping and handling charge. The charge for rebluing the ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO*** revolvers is $50.00 plus a $20.00 shipping and handling charge. We cannot apply the "color case finish" of the Ruger Vaquero to any other single action revolver. Custom gunsmithing service or nonstandard alterations are NOT AVAILABLE from Ruger Service Departments.

⚠ WARNING – PARTS PURCHASERS

It is the purchaser's responsibility to be absolutely certain that any parts ordered from the factory are correctly fitted and installed. Firearms are complicated mechanisms and IMPROPER FITTING OF PARTS MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS MALFUNCTION, DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM, AND SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND OTHER PERSONS. The purchaser and installer of parts must accept full responsibility for the correct adjustment and functioning of the revolver after such installation.

PARTS MUST FIT CORRECTLY

ORDERING PARTS

Please contact the New Hampshire Product Service Department for parts availability and current prices. All parts orders for the ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO*** revolvers should be sent to : Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc., Product Service Department, 411 Sunapee Street, Newport, New Hampshire, 03773, 603-865-2442.

We cannot comply with open account or C.O.D. orders. Payment in the form of a check, money order, Visa or Mastercard must accompany your order. Credit Card orders must include the account number, expiration date and whether it is a Visa or Mastercard account. Minimum parts order is $1.00 plus $3.50 shipping and handling charge. Order parts by Part Name and Part Number and include the entire serial number of the firearm for which the parts are being ordered.There is a minimum net labor charge of $20.00 plus $20.00 shipping and handling charge if the parts are factory fitted. All factory fitted parts are fit on an exchange basis only. We will not return the replaced parts.

Barrels, cylinders and a number of other component parts must be fitted at the factory. Company policy is to proof-test and/or function fire all barrels after fitting to the receivers in which they are to be used. This procedure ensures maximum protection to our customers. The special proof-test ammunition used in this testing is sold only to bonafide firearms manufacturers and is not available to gun shops, gunsmiths, or individuals.

Because it is a serial numbered part, the cylinder frame of ***RUGER® NEW VAQUERO*** revolvers is defined as a 'firearm' by Federal Law and is not offered for sale as a component part.

Parts designated by an (*) must be factory fitted. These parts are fitted on an exchange basis only. We will not return the replaced parts. We will not return any part that is broken, malfunctioning, badly worn or has been modified. See "Warning – Parts Purchasers" above.

IMPORTANT – REGARDING PARTS ORDERING. Ruger New Vaquero and Bisley Vaquero Single Action revolvers are manufactured in Blued steel and Stainless steel versions. WHEN ORDERING PARTS BE SURE TO STATE WHETHER YOUR REVOLVER IS BLUED OR STAINLESS. ALSO, INCLUDE THE COMPLETE SERIAL NUMBER AND SPECIFY THE CALIBER AND BARREL LENGTH.

CYLINDER NOTE: Cylinders are only available for installation in the model in which they were manufactured and fitted.

BARREL NOTE: All barrels are marked with a safety message, ("Before using gun, read warnings in Instruction Manual available free from Sturm, Ruger & Co. Inc., Southport, CT, USA").

CAUTION: A gun containing modified, broken, malfunctioning, or badly worn parts should not be fired.

SHIPPING REVOLVERS FOR INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY CONVERSION KIT:

If you would like to have any "old model" (pre-1973) Bearcat, Single-Six, Blackhawk, or Super Blackhawk revolver factory fitted with a free Conversion Kit (to help prevent accidents caused by a blow to the hammer if the user has failed to keep an empty chamber under the hammer) please write to Sturm, Ruger & Co., Dept. KC, 1 Lacey Place, Southport, CT 06890 for a box and shipping instructions. Be sure to include information as to model, caliber, and serial number. **Please do not send your old model single action revolver until you receive shipping instructions and a box from us.** Please note that the Kit will be fitted at our Newport, New Hampshire facility. All other servicing of "old model" single actions will also be performed at our Newport facility, but only after a Conversion Kit is first installed.

This safety conversion does not apply if the revolver is marked "Vaquero," "New Vaquero," "Bisley," or "New Bearcat" on the frame.

RUGER® NEW VAQUERO®
PARTS LIST

Design, prices and specifications subject to change without notice.
SPECIFY MODEL AND CALIBER WHEN ORDERING
(See Exploded Views on Page 34)

Key No.	Part Name	Part No.	Model
* 1	Barrel – 4 5/8", .45LC	MVQ00600	New Vaquero - blued models
	Barrel – 4 5/8", .45LC	KMVQ00600	New Vaquero - stainless models
	Barrel – 5 1/2", .45LC	MVQ00601	New Vaquero - blued models
	Barrel – 5 1/2", .45LC	KMVQ00601	New Vaquero - stainless models
	Barrel – 7 1/2", .45LC	KMVQ00602	New Vaquero - stainless models
	Barrel – 4 5/8", .357 cal.	MVQ00603	New Vaquero - blued models
	Barrel – 4 5/8", .357 cal.	KMVQ00603	New Vaquero - stainless models
	Barrel – 5 1/2", .357 cal.	MVQ00604	New Vaquero - blued models
	Barrel – 5 1/2", .357 cal.	KMVQ00604	New Vaquero - stainless models
2	Grip Frame	MVQ00301	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMVQ00301	New Vaquero - stainless models
3	Cylinder Frame	MVQ00201	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMVQ00201	New Vaquero - stainless models
4	Front Sight Blade – .45LC (except 7 1/2" bbl.)	MVQ03601	New Vaquero - blued models
	Front Sight Blade – .45LC (except 7 1/2" bbl.)	KMVQ03601	New Vaquero - stainless models
	Front Sight Blade – .45LC (7 1/2" bbl.)	MVQ03603	New Vaquero - blued models
	Front Sight Blade – .45LC (7 1/2" bbl.)	KMVQ03603	New Vaquero - stainless models
	Front Sight Blade – .357 cal.	MVQ03601	New Vaquero - blued models
	Front Sight Blade – .357 cal.	KMVQ03601	New Vaquero - stainless models
5	Loading Gate	MVQ02401	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMVQ02401	New Vaquero - stainless models

Key No.	Part Name	Part No.	Model
6	Recoil Plate	MR02000	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMR02000	New Vaquero - stainless models
7	Firing Pin	MR02100	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMR02100	New Vaquero - stainless models
8	Firing Pin Rebound Spring	KE-48	All New Vaquero Models
9	Recoil Plate Cross Pin	XR04900	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR04900	New Vaquero - stainless models
10	Base Pin Assembly	TBMR02901	New Vaquero - blued models
		KTBMR02901	New Vaquero - stainless models
11	Base Pin Latch Nut	XR02800	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR02801	New Vaquero - stainless models
12	Base Pin Latch Body	XR02700	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR02700	New Vaquero - stainless models
13	Trigger Spring Retaining Pin	KMVQ06300	All New Vaquero Models
14	Trigger Spring Pivot Pin	KMVQ02800	All New Vaquero Models
15	Base Pin Latch Spring	MVQ04700	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMVQ04700	New Vaquero - stainless models
16	Trigger Spring	KMVQ03700	All New Vaquero Models
17	Cylinder – .45LC	MVQ00101	New Vaquero - blued models
	Cylinder – .45LC	KMVQ00101	New Vaquero - stainless models
	Cylinder – .357 cal.	MVQ00105	New Vaquero - blued models
	Cylinder – .357 cal.	KMVQ00105	New Vaquero - stainless models
18	Internal Lock Assembly	MVQ20900	All New Vaquero Models
	Hammer Assembly (Includes Key Nos. 19 - 22)	**MVQ14001-1**	**New Vaquero - blued models**
		KMVQ14001-1	**New Vaquero - stainless models**
19	Hammer, only	MVQ04001	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMVQ04001	New Vaquero - stainless models

Key No.	Part Name	Part No.	Model
20	Hammer Plunger Cross Pin	KXR04200	All New Vaquero Models
21	Hammer Plunger	KXR04100	All New Vaquero Models
22	Hammer Plunger Spring	KXR04300	All New Vaquero Models
23	Pawl Spring Plunger	XR05100	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR05100	New Vaquero - stainless models
24	Pawl Spring	XR05000	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR05000	New Vaquero - stainless models
25	Cylinder Latch Spring Plunger	XR07700	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR07700	New Vaquero - stainless models
26	Cylinder Latch Spring	XR04600	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR04600	New Vaquero - stainless models
27	Trigger Pivot Pin	XR03400	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR03400	New Vaquero - stainless models
28	Grip Frame Screw - A - Front	XR01700	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR01700	New Vaquero - stainless models
29	Hammer Pivot Pin	XR01601S	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR01601S	New Vaquero - stainless models
30	Hammer Strut	MVQ01500	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMVQ01500	New Vaquero - stainless models
31	Mainspring	MVQ00400	All New Vaquero Models
32	Ejector Alignment Pawl	KMVQ04502	All New Vaquero Models
33	Cylinder Rotation Stop Spring	KMVQ04500	All New Vaquero Models
34	Cylinder Rotation Stop Screw	KMVQ04501	All New Vaquero Models
35	Trigger	XR03901	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR03901	New Vaquero - stainless models
36	Grip Frame Screw & Pivot Lock	XR01901	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR01901	New Vaquero - stainless models

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37	Grip Frames Screw - C - Bottom	XR01900	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR01900	New Vaquero - stainless models
38	Grip Frame Screw - B - Back (2 req'd)	XR01800	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR01800	New Vaquero - stainless models
39	Gate Detent Spring	MR07300	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMR07300	New Vaquero - stainless models
40	Cylinder Latch Assembly	KXR04500	All New Vaquero Models
41	Transfer Bar	KMVQ07201	All New Vaquero Models
42	Pawl	KMVQ00701	All New Vaquero Models
43	Ejector Rod Assembly	MVQ10800	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMVQ10800	New Vaquero - stainless models
44	Ejector Housing	MVQ02200	New Vaquero - blued models
		KMVQ02200	New Vaquero - stainless models
45	Ejector Housing Screw	XR03300	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR03301	New Vaquero - stainless models
46	Ejector Housing Spring	XR04400	New Vaquero - blued models
		KXR04400	New Vaquero - stainless models
47	Grip Panel Ferrule, right	XR01300	All New Vaquero Models
	Grip Panel Ferrule, left, Not Illustrated	XR01200	All New Vaquero Models
48	Grip Panels, Hard Rubber, Sold in Pairs Only	MVQ11000	All New Vaquero Models
49	Grip Panel Screw	KMVQ01300	All New Vaquero Models
50	Grip Panel Dowel	KXR01400	All New Vaquero Models
51	Internal Lock Key	KMVQ00908	All New Vaquero Models
	Also Available, but Not Illustrated		
	Case Only – 4 5/8" & 5 1/2" barrels	RGC-M	All New Vaquero Models
	Case Only – 7 1/2" barrels	RGC-L	All New Vaquero Models

* PARTS SO MARKED MUST BE FACTORY FITTED

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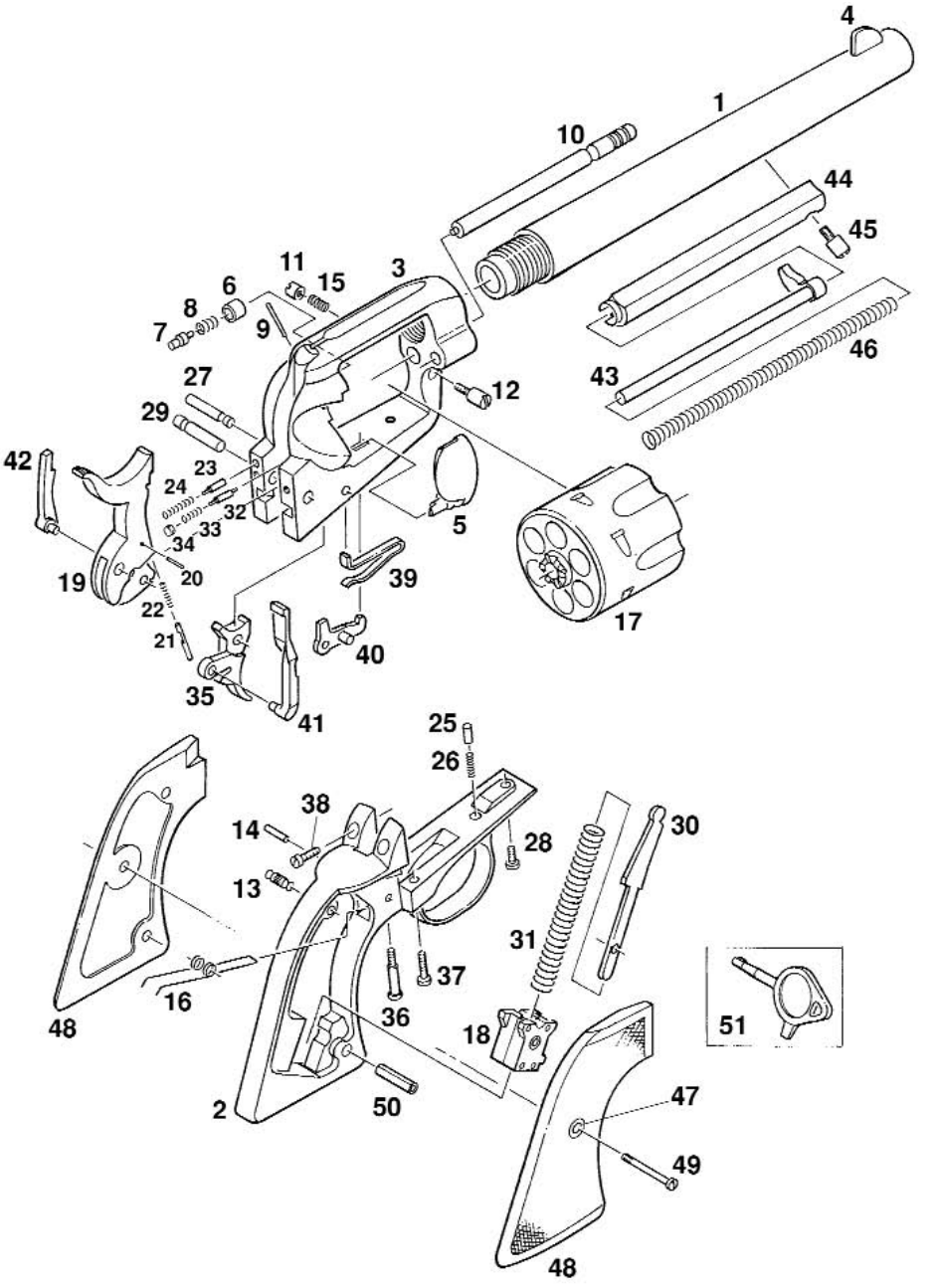


THE BASIC RULES OF SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING

We believe that Americans have a right to purchase and use firearms for lawful purposes. The private ownership of firearms in America is traditional, but that ownership imposes the responsibility on the gun owner to use his firearms in a way which will ensure his own safety and that of others. When firearms are used in a safe and responsible manner, they are a great source of pleasure and satisfaction, and represent a fundamental part of our personal liberty.

Firearms do not cause accidents! Firearms accidents are almost always found to have been the result of carelessness or ignorance on the part of the shooter of the basic rules of safe gun handling.

The following rules must be observed by gun users at all times. Safe gun handling is not just desirable, it is absolutely essential to your safety, the safety of others, and the continuation of gun ownership and sport shooting as we know it today.

1. LEARN THE MECHANICAL AND HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIREARM YOU ARE USING.

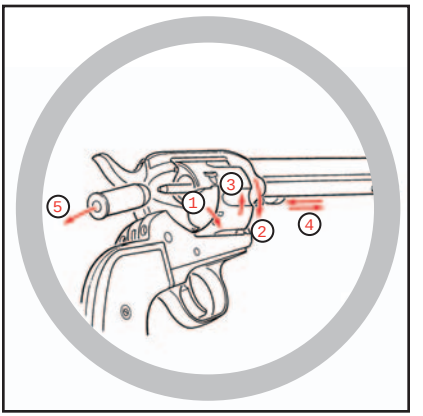
Not all firearms are the same. The method of carrying and handling firearms varies in accordance with the mechanical provisions for avoiding accidental discharge and the various proper procedures for loading and unloading. No person should handle any firearm without first having thoroughly familiarized himself with the particular type of firearm he is using, and with safe gun handling in general.

2. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

Be sure of the bullet stop behind your target, even when dry-firing. Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at any part of your body or at another person. This is particularly important when loading or unloading a firearm. In the event of an accidental discharge, no injury can occur as long as the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction. A safe direction means a direction which will not permit a discharged bullet to strike a person, or to strike an object from which the bullet may ricochet.

A safe direction must take into account the fact that a bullet may penetrate a wall, ceiling, floor, window, etc., and strike a person or damage property. Make it a habit to know exactly where the muzzle of your gun is pointing whenever you handle it, and be sure that you are always in control of the direction in which the muzzle is pointing, even if you fall or stumble. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot!

3. FIREARMS SHOULD BE UNLOADED WHEN NOT IN USE.



Firearms should be loaded only when you are in the field or on the target range or shooting area, ready to shoot. Firearms and ammunition should be securely locked in safes, racks or cabinets, or by using the locking device supplied with the firearm, when not in use. Ammunition should be safely stored separate from firearms. Store your firearms out of sight of visitors and children. It is the gun owner's responsibility to be certain that children and persons unfamiliar with firearms cannot gain access to firearms, ammunition, or components.

4. BE SURE THE BARREL IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SHOOTING.

Even a bit of mud, snow or excess lubricating oil or grease in the bore may cause the barrel to bulge, or even burst on firing, and can cause serious injury to the shooter and bystanders. Be sure that you are using ammunition of the proper caliber and loading for the gun you are using. If the report or recoil on firing seems weak, or doesn't seem quite right, CEASE FIRING IMMEDIATELY, unload your firearm, and check to be sure that no obstruction has become lodged in the barrel.

5. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU SHOOT.

Don't shoot unless you know exactly where your bullet is going to strike. Be sure of the bullet stop behind your target, even when dry-firing with an unloaded gun. If you are in the field hunting, do not fire at a movement or noise. Take the time to be absolutely certain of your target before you pull the trigger.

6. WEAR SHOOTING GLASSES AND HEARING PROTECTORS WHEN YOU SHOOT.

All shooters should wear protective shooting glasses and adequate hearing protectors when shooting. Exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing, and adequate eye protection when shooting is essential.

7. NEVER CLIMB A TREE OR FENCE WITH A LOADED FIREARM.

Put the firearm down carefully before climbing a fence, and unload it before climbing or descending a tree or jumping over a ditch or other obstruction. Never pull or push a loaded firearm toward yourself or another person. When in doubt, or whenever you are about to do anything awkward, unload your gun!

8. DON'T SHOOT AT A HARD SURFACE, OR AT WATER.

Bullets can glance off many surfaces like rocks or the surface of water and travel in unpredictable directions with considerable velocity.

9. NEVER TRANSPORT A LOADED FIREARM.

Firearms should always be unloaded before being placed in a vehicle. A suitable carrying case or scabbard should by used to carry an unloaded firearm to and from the shooting area.

10. AVOID ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHEN SHOOTING.

Don't drink until the day's shooting is over. Handling firearms while under the influence of alcohol in any form, or medications that could affect your judgment or coordination, constitutes a criminal disregard for the safety of others.

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